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GREAT BEND, - - - KANSAS

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE cotton spinners of Manchester, Eng., have decided to work on half time for a month.

RAIN in the valleys and snow in the mountains have finally quenched the forest fires in Montana.

THE recent Canadian labor congress at Montreal passed resolutions demanding many and radical reforms in the law.

SERIOUS floods are reported in and about Tampico, Mex., and many families have been forced to leave their homes.

THE present indications are that the labor and strike question will occupy much of the time of the coming German Reichstag.

COLONEL WILLIAM W. BURNS, Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence, has been placed on the retired list of the army on account of age.

THE relatives of a miserly old farmer living near Newcastle, Ind., have induced him to hunt up his wealth and deposit it in bank. He had \$26,200 hidden away.

A PLAN to establish a line of communication between Chicago and Central America by way of Tampa Bay, Fla., has been abandoned by the Chicago Board of Trade.

MEXICAN fortune hunters are excavating near Coyacan, Mex., in search of the supposed treasures of Montezuma, buried near there at the time of the Spanish conquest.

A PEARL said to be worth \$3,500 was found in a clam shell near Albany, Wis., the other day. The clams were getting scarcer, but the excitement continued as great as ever.

GOLD has been discovered at Princess Lodge, seven miles from Halifax, N. S. There are four leads, said to be on a line with the famous Montague leads at Waverly, and pronounced to be very rich.

A MOVEMENT is on foot at Chicago to erect a million dollar monument to the memory of General Grant and have the remains brought to that city, the monument to be unveiled at the opening of the World's Fair.

THE General Land-office has decided that certain lands formed on the western coast of Washington Territory by action of tide waters since the original surveys were made belong to the United States and that any lands so formed along the tide water at any point would also belong to the Government.

THE United States navy is to lose two of its vessels. Reports from the boards appointed to inspect the Quinnebaugh and the Juniata have been received at the Navy Department, and they state that these vessels can not be repaired for active service within the limit of twenty per cent. of their cost, as prescribed by law.

JIM PACE, a desperado, after being pardoned out of the Ohio penitentiary by President Cleveland some time ago, where he had been confined for stage robbery, returned to his old haunts in Karnes County, Tex. Late he was "removed" by unknown parties, his body being fished out of the San Antonio river with his skull crushed in.

WILLIAM H. LOWDEN, a shoe dealer, and John Russell, a tanner, went hunting near Middletown, N. Y., recently. They became separated, and Russell mistook Lowden's hands, which he raised to drive away mosquitoes, for a squirrel. He shot at the supposed squirrel and the whole charge landed in Lowden's hands and neck. There was hope of his recovery.

An official statement of the action of the American Nations upon the invitation to participate in the congress next month has been issued by the State Department. It shows that every one accepted the invitation excepting San Domingo. The reason given by that country for declining to accept was that a treaty between the two countries several years ago failed of ratification by the United States Senate.

MAJOR MOSBY, of Cincinnati, at the request of the Murat Halsted Club of that city, recently sent a letter to John A. Logan, Jr., asking for a large portrait of his father, stating that the club wanted to place it in its rooms. Mr. Logan has sent an answer, refusing the request, and, in giving his reasons, says that his father, if living, would not want his portrait hung in an organization named after a man who had vilified and traduced him.

THE curious ice cave in the Ashley valley, Utah, continues to attract attention. Tom Mitchell, who has returned from there, says that in the latter part of August he found in the cave a section of ice twenty-five feet high and thirty feet at the base. A salt lake was also discovered. One of the rooms in the cave was over 1,200 feet long. The party who went in with Mitchell were bound together much after the fashion of Alpine climbers.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

TELEGRAMS from various points in the Third Louisiana Congressional district indicate the election of Andrew Frier, Democratic candidate, by a good majority, over H. C. Miner, Republican.

A CABLEGRAM received at the Navy Department announces the arrival of Commander Sumner at St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti. Admiral Gherardi, on the Kearsarge, is also at St. Nicholas Mole, in communication with the Navy Department. It is probable that the Kearsarge will come north soon, but that will be left largely, if not entirely, to the Admiral's discretion.

CAPTAIN R. H. BOYD has been selected by Secretary Tracy as supervisor of the post at New York.

A DISPATCH from Berlin says: Dr. Peters has been recalled from East Africa. The expedition for the relief of Emin Bey has been abandoned. The Boersens Zeitung reports that Dr. Peters has retreated to Vituland.

PENNSYLVANIA Democrats, at Harrisburg on the 4th, nominated Edward Bigler for State Treasurer.

MASSACHUSETTS Prohibitionists, at Worcester on the 4th, nominated John Black, of Springfield, for Governor.

THE President left Deer Park, Md., on the 4th for Philadelphia to attend the celebration of the "Log Cabin" College.

A CONCERTED movement among the druggists of Iowa has been commenced to cast their vote for the Democratic party this fall provided that party will pledge itself to amend the stringent Pharmacy law.

THE Paris Figaro says that Prince Victor Napoleon has declared that he will not issue a manifesto in connection with the approaching general elections, for the reason that they will not decide the question of the form of Government.

J. W. JUD, Associate Justice of Utah, has sent his resignation to President Harrison. Associate Justice Henderson, who has been on the bench many years, has also sent in his resignation. Both are very popular with the citizens of the Territory. The cause for their action was on account of the small salary.

THE President of Hayti, arrived at New York on the 5th. He was en route to France.

IT was rumored in Ottawa, Ont., that the Behring sea dispute would be left by the English Government for Canada and the United States to settle.

MISS JENNIE S. CHAMBERLAIN, second daughter of Mr. Chamberlain, of Cleveland, O., was married recently in St. George's Church, London, to Captain Herbert Naylor Leyland.

THREE Frenchmen, accused of fomenting an anti-German agitation in Alsace-Lorraine, have been expelled by the German authorities.

THE Regente of Serbia has warned Queen Natalie not to attempt to establish a residence in Belgrade even as a private person.

GENERAL BOULANGER has made public a manifesto, in which he attacks his political enemies in bitter and vigorous terms. He claims the right to a trial by court-martial.

HUMPHREYS and Rierison islands in the Pacific ocean have been taken possession of by a British war ship.

ERNEST N. GAYNE, the politician connected with the notorious Tweed regime, died at New York on the 6th.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE largest bar of gold ever cast in the world was turned out at the United States assay office at Helena, Mont., recently. It weighed 500 pounds and was worth a little over \$100,000.

THE Mexican Government has revised article 1 of its customs tariff, wherein living animals are made free of duty, and has imposed heavy duties on imported cattle, swine, sheep, mules and goats, a measure that can not fail to have a most disastrous effect on the business of supplying Mexico with meat from the United States.

MAX JACOBSON, son of an Austrian Count but a man with a bad criminal record, has been arrested in Chicago for embezzlements from the Fidelity & Casualty Company of Chicago. The amount stolen was large. Jacobson had been general western manager.

THE South of Ireland mackerel fishery this year is declared a failure.

ONE assaying 89 ounces of silver to the ton, and considerable gold has been struck at a depth of 100 feet in the Eastern View mine at San Pedro, N. M.

THE Government of San Salvador, Central America, has obtained a loan of \$300,000 in London for the purpose of extending its railroad system.

THREE sealers have arrived at Victoria, B. C., with over 5,500 sealskins on board. They reported that they saw nothing of the United States revenue steamer "Kush."

H. F. FERRY, a telephone lineman, was recently killed by an electric shock from a wire on a street in Buffalo, N. Y., the other day.

JACOB SCOLL was smothered to death in Purcell's grain elevator in Chicago recently by the giving way of the door of a bin.

WHEN the Government lighter was blowing up a schooner in the St. John's river near Jacksonville, Fla., a can of dynamite exploded prematurely, tearing the lighter to pieces, killing R. T. Moore, son of the captain, and a colored man named Powell and seriously injuring Eugene Gasser Dunn.

AN explosion occurred in the ironstone pit of the Maurice Wood colliery at Midlothian, Scotland, recently. Sixty miners were imprisoned. Four dead bodies were recovered and it was thought the others were dead.

A TROUBLED-GENERAL HOGG, of Texas, has instituted suit to declare \$16,000,000 mortgage bonds issued by the International & Great Northern Railroad Company null and void. It was alleged the mortgaged bonds were really watered stock and therefore illegal under the law.

EDWARD McQUINN has been excommunicated by James Kelly and William Dempsey, prominent Catholics of Waterloo, N. Y., because they brought Dr. McGlynn there to deliver a lecture upon "Father Lambert, a Priest Who Went to Rome, and What He Got There." Both men belonged to Father Lambert's old parish.

THE employees of the Santa Fe, who were affected by the 10 per cent. reduction last spring, have all along been looking for a restoration, until the recent flurry created by the resignation of President Strong. It has been given out from the office that a restoration would not be made, but the other hand that a reduction of from 10 to 25 per cent. is imminent.

THE reunion of the blue and the gray with Texas pioneers closed at Fort Worth on the 6th with a grand ball.

CAPTAIN WISEMAN, with 400 men, has started for Mpwape, to punish Bashir for killing Officer Nielsen, of the East Africa Company.

THE British ship Winston, coal laden, from Sydney to San Francisco, was wrecked on Starbuck island about July 17. The captain and eight of the crew were missing, the rest being rescued.

ONLY fourteen of the sixty imprisoned miners at Midlothian, Scotland, succeeded in escaping.

THE Douglass (Mass.) Axe Company has failed. Affairs were in bad shape with Dennison Dana, the treasurer, missing.

THE London dock companies on the 6th agreed to consider a proposal for the six-penny rate to commence next January. The strikers were advised to accept the compromise and the trouble was probably ended.

AT Rising Fawn (Ga.) furnaces recently exploded, killing a convict by a premature explosion of dynamite. The accident was the result of the men's carelessness.

FIRE broke out back of J. Forbes' saloon at Linkville, Ore., recently and in two hours the whole business part of the town was in ashes. The loss about \$100,000. Ben Monroe was severely burned.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended September 5 numbered 201, compared with 211 the previous week and 224 the corresponding week of last year.

A TERRIBLE explosion of dynamite occurred in a cartage factory at Antwerp, Belgium, on the 5th, resulting in a shocking loss of life and a disastrous conflagration. It was estimated that 300 persons were killed and 1,000 wounded.

AT the meeting of the board of directors of the Santa Fe railroad at Boston on the 6th, William B. Strong handed in his resignation as president and director. Allen Marvel was elected to fill the vacancy.

THE haste of a passenger brakeman at the switch at Plymouth, O., to get to his train caused him to turn the switch before the last sleeper had entirely passed and it was overturned and five persons were injured.

LETTERS from stockmen in Northern Wyoming say that the Big Horn mountains were ablaze and the loss from the destruction of timber, ranches and other property would reach \$500,000.

CHARLES MOTT, who was injured on the revenue steamer "Kush" recently during the sham naval battle at Milwaukee, Wis., is dead.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE great boat race for the world's championship between O'Connor of America and Searle, of Australia, took place on the Thames at London the 9th and was won by Searle, who defeated his opponent by six lengths.

HON. S. C. SOX was seriously attacked with malaria at his residence, 13 East Twelfth street, New York, on the 8th. His condition was regarded as critical.

DAVID NEAGLE has filed complaint in the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco charging that a conspiracy existed between Mrs. Terry and others to take the life of the Hon. S. C. Sox.

WHILE a christening party were enjoying a sail on Lake Killarney, Ireland, the other night their boat was capsized and before assistance could reach them five of the party were drowned.

THE Aurora (Ill.) Watch Company has made a record in the circus world.

DURING the progress of a bull fight at Huelva, Cuba, part of the circus collapsed and seven persons were injured.

By the explosion of a dynamite cartage handled carelessly by Italians near Fairport, N. Y., the other night, two were killed and several were wounded.

THE thirty-ninth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union was celebrated on the 9th. It was a legal holiday and banks and a large number of commercial houses were closed. The principal celebration was at San Jose by the order of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE other afternoon a farmer by the name of Brown, living near Wichita, discovered Edie Howe, the ten-year-old son of a neighbor in his watermelon patch, and without giving the lad any warning sent a charge of buckshot into his body. Then he notified the victim's father and left the vicinity. There were slight hopes of the little fellow's recovery. A pursuing party was organized with the avowed purpose of lynching Brown.

FRED KOEHLER, a Wichita mechanic, recently fell desperately in love with Mrs. Clark, a widow of that city, and proposed marriage to her only to be rejected. This so enraged him that he threatened to kill her, and she secreted herself from him several days. Recently, however, he met her on the street in front of the post-office as she was riding in a buggy and before she could evade him sprang upon her and fastened his hand upon her throat saying that he would kill her at once. Before help could reach her she had become insensible. Koebler was jailed.

A serious shooting affray occurred at Edwardsville the other morning between Bill Butler and Charlie Brown, both colored, and a third colored man whose name could not be learned, growing out of a quarrel over a woman. The unknown man endeavored to shoot Butler, but the officer and the stranger were shot through the neck. The ball passed out near the jugular vein and hit Charlie Brown behind the right ear and lodged in his skull. It was thought both would die. Butler fled.

L. L. CLAWSON, a real estate man, was found in Riverside Park, Wichita, with four bullet holes in his body. It was claimed by his friends that he could not have committed suicide because two bullet holes were through his brain and two in his stomach, besides which would have proved fatal, either the range of the bullets or the fact that he had taken his own life. Clawson had always been known as a man of regular habits. He ate his dinner as usual that day and appeared to be in good spirits.

LEAVENWORTH reports almost a parallel of the Wichita Brown mystery, so far as a sudden disappearance and continued absence are concerned. On Sunday, August 25, Mr. E. O. Webster, who resided in a suburban addition to the city, left his home to go to the Baptist Church, located in the central part of town. Since that time nothing has been seen or heard of the missing man. The most recent search utterly failed to lead to the slightest clue to his whereabouts or explanation of his continued absence. No possible reason suggested itself as to why the missing man should leave home.

THE total receipts of the penitentiary for the month of August were \$8,633.62, of which \$3,818.43 was from coal sales and \$4,815.19 from convict labor. The total expenses were \$11,330.83, of which \$6,447.61 was paid for salaries and \$4,883.22 for boarding.

JUDGE GREGORY, of the Garden City Sentinel, who was convicted of perjury in the district court of Finney County some weeks since, has been granted a new trial. His friends are confident of his acquittal when the case is again tried.

A COUNTERFEITER named Jones was recently arrested at Withita for passing bogus \$20 gold pieces. Other arrests are expected.

THE enrollment at the State Normal School at Emporia is 100 larger than at the opening last year.

IN his August report Prof. Snow, of the State University, says: "A very cool month, being the only August in our twenty-two years' record in which the mercury failed to reach 90 degrees. The rainfall was excessive, falling but slightly below the usual precipitation of August, 1888."

LATE post-office changes in Kansas: Established, Clarkson, Riley County; Neils Christensen postmaster; Glendale, Bourbon County, Robert A. Williams postmaster; Grace, Sherman County, Joel Turner postmaster. Discontinued, Hoskins, Montgomery County; Zora, Linn County.

JOHN L. WALLER, of Topeka, has been elected by the State Board of Charities steward of the Osawatomie insane asylum. Last year he was chosen one of the Presidential Electors-at-large by the Republican State convention and was the colored elector in the electoral college.

DAVID JACOBO, a negro, was recently found guilty of murder in the first degree in the United States Court at Wichita. He was a soldier in the regular army and eighteen months ago shot and killed a comrade.

A BARN belonging to Elijah Rayl near Hutchinson was burned recently with twelve horses. Three men sleeping in the building narrowly escaped and Miss Josie Rayl was severely burned on the face and neck in an endeavor to rescue the animals.

PEACHES weighing three-fourths of a pound and measuring twelve inches in circumference are reported as some of the products of the Rocky Kansas.

KANSAS has one school house for every 185 of her population, while Massachusetts has only one school house for every 600 of its population.

THE other day Harvey Decastro, aged ten years, left his home at Wichita, and failing to return at night search was instituted for him. Next day the dead body was found in the Arkansas river. It had a large fish-line around the neck with one end fastened to a root on the bottom of the river. He had gone in to swim and got entangled in the line.

THE other morning a colored woman by the name of Twigg was found dead at her home in North Lawrence. The deceased was about eighty years old. Under her pillow was found \$40, which had doubtless been laid there to pay funeral expenses.

ALLAN MANVEL, the newly-elected president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 9th. It is stated that there will be a general cutting down of the expenses of the road.

REPUBLICANS of the various States of the Union propose to present Kansas with a vote of recognition of the fact that at the last Presidential election Kansas gave the largest Republican majority and is the Banner State.

It is stated that out of 285 soldiers in Russell County 113 draw pensions, the yearly amount received aggregating \$15,000.

ISA QUEEK, of Riley, accidentally shot and killed himself the other day while hunting.

REPORTS received at Topeka from every one of the leading cities of Kansas are that the stories sent to the East by correspondents of hot winds in the State and consequent damage to the crops and vegetation are without the slightest foundation in fact.

WOMEN IN PERIL.

Burning of a Four Story Rag Warehouse at Albany, N. Y.

Ten Miners Drowned in Colorado—Five Men Killed by a Boiler Explosion in Illinois—Forest Fires in Montana.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Fire broke out at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in an upper floor of McHardie's four-story rag and junk warehouse. Thirty or forty women and girls were employed in the building. Many of them fled down the stairways and fire escapes, but some were cut off by the dense smoke. One girl fell from a third story window and was probably fatally hurt. Another followed a moment later and was badly injured. Another was probably fatally burned. It is reported that several perished in the building, but nothing definite can yet be learned. The loss will be \$40,000. Daniel Gannon, a boy, appeared in a window and jumped, receiving fractured ribs. Richard Gamble jumped down the elevator shaft and was fatally injured. Mrs. Powers jumped from the fourth story window and fell upon a pile of iron. She was horribly bruised and will die. The latter two were taken to the hospital. The fire originated in the second story, where a stove had been carelessly left burning. Most alarming reports are circulated and it will require a long search to reveal the truth or falsity of the exciting rumors. A large number were employed assorting the junk, many of them women. Two women are known to have perished in the flames.

TEN MINERS DROWNED. GOLDEN, Colo., Sept. 10.—One of the most serious mining accidents ever known in this part of the State occurred late yesterday afternoon in the White Ash coal mine near this place. An abandoned mine alongside of the White Ash was for months long full of water, which yesterday, without a moment's warning, burst through into the White Ash mine, filling it with mud and water. Ten miners are known to have been at work in the mine at the time of the disaster, and not one of them could have been rescued minutes after the surging mass broke in upon them. It will probably take two or three weeks to reach their bodies. The names of but three of the unfortunate men can be given—John Murphy, John Morgan and Allen, but it is positively known that the other seven have been among them have families. The work of pumping and clearing out the mine will be commenced at once.

DEADLY FLAMES IN MONTANA. HELENA, Mont., Sept. 10.—Information has just been received that one of the worst forest fires yet reported is raging in the St. Regis district in Missoula County, on the Cokely ranch. Cokely and the hostess of the ranch mounted horses and barely escaped with their lives to the river, less than a quarter of a mile away, and reached the water after having the clothes nearly all burned from their bodies. The men were rescued and his horse perished in the flames. J. C. Veeder, who has returned from the St. Regis country, says he feels certain that several men perished in the conflagration higher up in the mountains.

FIVE KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION. CARBONDALE, Ill., Sept. 10.—At 11:35 yesterday morning a boiler, on the farm of J. W. Snyder, half a mile east of this city, exploded with most disastrous results. Five men lost their lives, namely: John W. Snyder, Thomas Lygett, Andrew J. Lygett, John Biggs and Isaac Waller, the latter colored man. The men were grouped about the boiler, which was leaking and giving trouble. Mr. Snyder gave the order to shut down, when, in an instant, the boiler exploded. William G. Spiller had a leg broken. All the victims except Andrew J. Lygett had families.

THE TRAGIC SEA. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—An appeal to the Record from Sea Isle City, N. J., says: "The sea has been extremely treacherous and running unusually high. A Philadelphia young man named Blunchei was drowned and three young ladies from the same city narrowly escaped a like fate. Some freight cars narrowly escaped, together with his depth by a tremendous wave. The young ladies were brought ashore in an exhausted condition by two young men."

CARS ON FIRE. PORT AUSTIN, Mich., Sept. 10.—About midnight the combination baggage and smoking car of the Port Huron & Western train, now the Flint & Marquette Company, was found to be on fire. The passenger coach "Port Austin," coupled to it, also took fire and both cars burned up. Some freight cars narrowly escaped, together with the engine, which, with very little steam, was gotten out to try to save the cars.

UNKNOWN MEN DROWNED. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Three men, the crew of an unknown sloop, were drowned off Rockaway shoals, L. I. The sloop was found capsized by another sloop, whose crew tried to rescue the men. This vessel also capsized and it looked as if both crews would perish. Finally the yacht Carrie answered their signal of distress and rescued the second crew.

Won By Searle. LONDON, Sept. 10.—The race on the Thames for \$5,000 and the championship of the world, over a course of four miles and three furlongs, between William O'Connor, champion oarsman of the United States and Canada, and Henry E. Searle, the Australian, was rowed yesterday and won by Searle. At Hammer-smith bridge, one and three-fourths of a mile from the start, Searle led by two lengths. He won by six lengths. Odds of one to four were given on O'Connor. Searle won the toss for position and chose the Surrey side of the river. O'Connor had the best of the start and led by a half length to the boat house. Searle's time was 22:42.

Drowned in Lake Killarney. DUBLIN, Sept. 10.—While a christening party were enjoying a sail on Lake Killarney last night, their boat was capsized and five of the party drowned.

Barge on Fire. MANISTEE, Mich., Sept. 10.—The barge Charles Reitz caught fire near Point Babie from sparks which fell in hay on her deck. The sparks consumed considerable hay, besides burning portions of the vessel and her sails. The alarm started two men asleep in the fore-castle, who rushed up stairs, and finding the door ablaze, one rushed through without injury. John Newmeyer attempted to follow, but being barefooted, fell into the flames and was roasted badly and can not recover.

Old Circus Man Dead. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—John O'Brien, the well-known circus man, died here Saturday.

ARMY DESERTIONS.

A Comparative Table—The Causes of Desertions—What Remedies Are Proposed. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The subject of desertion from the army will be treated at length in the forthcoming report of the Secretary of War, Mr. Proctor, having given it much attention. Various changes have improved the condition of the soldiers and as a result the desertions have decreased since 1883, as will be seen from the following table:

Year.	Desertions.	Per cent. to total strength of army.	Per cent. to total strength of army.
1883.	3,578.	89.7.	15.3.
1884.	3,072.	86.1.	13.2.
1885.	2,927.	84.9.	11.5.
1886.	2,026.	80.1.	8.2.
1887.	2,240.	81.9.	8.2.
1888.	2,436.	81.9.	8.2.
1889.	2,811.	82.8.	11.4.

Of these desertions 89 per cent. occurred among men serving their first and second year of enlistment.

In May last Major Theodore Schwan, Assistant Adjutant-General, under instructions of Secretary Proctor, made a tour of inspection of the recruiting depots at David's Island, N. Y.; Columbus, O., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He is himself a soldier who came up from the ranks and his report contains many suggestive suggestions, including a draft of a bill prepared by him last winter after a study of the situation calculated to lessen the evil of desertion. He says: "Whatever causes of discontent may have at one time existed, such as lack of provisions or care of the physical comfort of the enlisted soldier or unreasonable demands upon or harsh treatment of him, they have been improved so far as it has been in the power of the military authorities to do."

In this connection Secretary Proctor has prepared a statement of the number of desertions from the army since 1883, showing that in the past three years they have been respectively 256, 244 and 230, a remarkably even record.

One feature of Major Schwan's bill is that it gives to all peace officers Federal and State authority to arrest deserters upon their own responsibility and without warrant or military authority. Additional safeguards against the readmission to the service of repeaters or deserters are about to be adopted under instructions already given by the War Department. Another provision of the bill is that one-third of the soldier's pay for the first year shall be retained until his discharge, and forfeited if he does not serve on his term. Men discharged before their term expires, at their own request, are not to receive travel pay. It also provides for the adoption of the British custom of permitting enlisted men to purchase their discharge. Acting Adjutant-General Schwan and others of the staff have at Secretary Proctor's request submitted reports on the subject of desertions which he has now under consideration. One of these recommends that the sum of money required to purchase a discharge be placed at \$50.

OVER NIAGARA.

Steve Brodie, the Bridge Jumper, Goes Safely Over the Falls—A Narrow Escape.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Steve Brodie accomplished the perilous feat yesterday of going over Niagara Falls in a rubber suit.

Brodie and his party arrived at Elton Friday night. With Brodie were Ernest Gerold, John Ledger, John McCarthy and William E. Harding and several newspaper correspondents.

At 5:30, Brodie, with his paddle, entered the water. He caught the current, waded his paddle to Gerold and McCarthy and a few seconds later was abreast of the Horseshoe falls. Luckily he went over the outside of one of the falling volumes of water. He was quickly lost in the mist and foam.

He was buried from view for nearly two minutes, when, a black speck, covered with a thick white coating, was seen bobbing and jumping up and down in the boiling caldron of rushing, gurgling waters. In a short time Brodie was caught in the rushing waters and carried at a brisk pace toward the American shore, and then all of a sudden he was hurried toward the Canadian shore where John Ledger, who was waiting ready to drag him from the water, ledged was stripped and swam out 200 feet with a rope fastened to his waist, while W. E. Harding held the other end on shore. Ledger, after several attempts, reached Brodie, fastened the rope to the iron bands around his waist and then the two swimmers, assisted in pulling the daring swimmer ashore.

Brodie was at once stripped. Brandy was poured in small quantities on his temples, and he was rubbed and chafed. He was insensible and blood oozed from his mouth, nose and ears, probably from the concussion.

For twenty minutes Brodie lay unconscious. Then ammonia was applied to his nostrils, and he began to shiver and gesticulate with his hands. He gradually recovered consciousness and it was seen that his feet were above the brink of the cataract. When he saw that it was impossible to get out, he felt the same as a man who was about to meet death and prayed for dear life. Just as he came to the brink of the falls he became unconscious through fright and remained so until he struck the water. Then he again lost consciousness and knew no more until he found himself lying on his rubber suit at the water's edge. There is no doubt that Brodie successfully went over the falls.

It is now generally believed that the story about Casper Graham going over the falls in a barrel a few days ago and surviving was merely a fake for advertising purposes. That being the case, Brodie is the first